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Closing of Post Offices
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the Statewise number of post offices in the country;

(b) whether some post offices have been closed down permanently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State wise along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) State-wise number of Post Offices functional in the country (as on 31.03.2015) is at Annexure-I.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Postal Circle-wise number of Post Offices closed down during the last three years 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and the current year 2015-16 (upto 29.02.2016) is at Annexure-II. Some Post Offices were closed down as a result of merger, relocation and upgradation of Branch Post Offices into Departmental Sub-Post Offices with a view to rationalize the existing postal network for optimal utilization of post offices in the changing demography and urbanization process in the country.

ANNEXURE-I
State-wise/Postal Circle-wise Number of Post Offices functional
in the country (as on 31.03.2015)
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Sl. No. Name of the Postal Circles Total No. of Post Offices
1 Andhra Pradesh 10375
1.1 Telangana 5780
2 Assam 4012
3 Bihar 9067
4 Chhattisgarh 3147
5 Delhi 551
6 Gujarat 8926
6.1 Dadra & Nagar Haveli 38
6.2 Daman & Diu 19
7 Haryana 2677
8 Himachal Pradesh 2782
9 Jammu & Kashmir 1699
10 Jharkhand 3099
11 Karnataka 9667
12 Kerala 5054
12.1 Lakshadweep 10
12.2 Mahe 4
13 Madhya Pradesh 8323
14 Maharashtra 12601
14.1 Goa 258
15 North East [States include Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura] 2920
16 Odisha 8169
17 Punjab 3807
17.1 Chandigarh 49
18 Rajasthan 10329
19 Tamil Nadu 12034
19.1 Pondicherry 96
20 Uttarakhand 2723

21 Uttar Pradesh 17655
22 West Bengal 8759
22.1 A & N Islands 100
22.2 Sikkim 209
Total 154939
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ANNEXURE-II
Postal Circle-wise number of Post Offices closed during 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16 (upto 29.02.2016)
<pre>
Sl. No. Name of the Circles 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
[upto 29.02.2016]
1 Andhra Pradesh including Telangana State 0 0 0 0
2 Assam 0 2 2 0
3 Bihar 0 0 0 0
4 Chhattisgarh 0 0 0 0
5 Delhi 0 0 0 0
6 Gujarat 1 1 2 0
7 Haryana 4 4 0 0
8 Himachal Pradesh 0 0 0 0
9 Jammu & Kashmir 0 0 0 0
10 Jharkhand 0 0 4 4
11 Karnataka 16 0 23 10
12 Kerala 10 2 0 0
13 Madhya Pradesh 0 0 0 0
14 Maharashtra 0 0 0 0
15 North East 3 4 0 0
16 Odisha 0 2 5 9
17 Punjab 0 0 3 2
18 Rajasthan 0 0 0 0
19 Tamil Nadu 0 0 0 0
20 Uttar Pradesh 1 8 0 0
21 Uttarakhand 0 0 0 0
22 West Bengal 0 0 0 0
Total 35 23 39 25
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